

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03136-APM**

SPARACINO PLLC v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/18/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/18/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6462883) filed by SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/21/2019		Case assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmc) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/21/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmc) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/25/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 10/24/2019 (Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 10/25/2019)
10/25/2019	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE to U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Attorney for District of Columbia filed by SPARACINO PLLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons)(Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 10/25/2019)
10/29/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 10/29/2019)
12/05/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 12/05/2019)
12/05/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 12/05/2019)
12/06/2019	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before December 20, 2019. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/06/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/10/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/4/19. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/10/2019	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/5/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/5/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/16/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Russell Herman, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6649657. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by SPARACINO PLLC (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Russell Herman, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 12/16/2019)
12/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Russell Herman is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions</b> Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/17/19. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/17/2019)
12/19/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Russell Guy Herman on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Herman, Russell) (Entered: 12/19/2019)
12/20/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC. (Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 12/20/2019)

12/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by February 3, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/20/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 12/20/2019)
02/03/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC. (Herman, Russell) (Entered: 02/03/2020)
02/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 9, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/04/2020. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/04/2020)
02/04/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/9/2020 (zjch) (Entered: 02/04/2020)
03/06/2020	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by LeElle Bruerea Slifer on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Slifer, LeElle) (Entered: 03/06/2020)
03/06/2020	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel H. Charest on behalf of SPARACINO PLLC (Charest, Daniel) (Entered: 03/06/2020)
03/09/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC. (Slifer, LeElle) (Entered: 03/09/2020)
03/11/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 20, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/11/2020. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/11/2020)
03/11/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/20/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 03/17/2020)
04/20/2020	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SPARACINO PLLC. (Slifer, LeElle) (Entered: 04/20/2020)
04/20/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 20, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/20/2020. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/20/2020)
04/20/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/20/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 04/21/2020)
05/20/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 05/20/2020)
05/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 19, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/21/2020. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/21/2020)
05/21/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/19/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 05/21/2020)
06/19/2020	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 06/19/2020)
06/19/2020		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 14, 2020, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/19/2020. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/19/2020)
06/19/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/14/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
07/01/2020	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Christopher J. Cormier (Cormier, Christopher) (Entered: 07/01/2020)